

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The invention concerns determining contamination by a fixing aid in a printer by evaluating register of a print.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--According to the invention, a method is presented for determining contamination in the printer, ~~especially~~ by a fixing aid, in which the contamination is determined for the first time by evaluation of the register of a print of the printer. A printer is also proposed, especially for execution of the method according to the invention, with a control device for evaluation of the register for determining contamination of the printer, ~~especially~~ by a fixing aid. In this manner, contamination of the printer is avoided and a persistently high printing quality is guaranteed. Contamination of the printer is established without inspection of the contaminated parts of the printer and without checking the printed image. Contamination of the printer is merely determined from already available data with reference to the register.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--FIG. 2 shows functional trends of register errors as a function of measured values of the register, in order to show the relation between a register error and fixing aid contamination of the printer.--